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TRUSTEES' MEETING

Thursday, Sept. 12, 1912.

Board met in regular session, members and officers all present; minutes of last regular meeting read and approved as read.

The application of the Southern California Gas Company, presented by Lewis M. Farnham, secretary of the company, for a franchise with the privilege of laying a tripple line of pipe upon and along one side of the San Fernando road for conducting natural gas from the northern gas field to and into Tropico, and on into the city of Los Angeles, was referred to committee consisting of the whole board, with instructions to agree with the applicant, if possible, upon what terms, if at all, the franchise asked for would be advertised and put up for sale.

A petition for the improvement of Park avenue from the west line of Glendale avenue to the Southern Pacific railroad crossing signed by property owners fronting on the said street, was received and filed, and the city engineer instructed to institute the proper proceedings for the prosecution of said improvement, and report with map and estimate of improvement at next regular meeting.

A petition of owners of property fronting on Mountain View avenue for street improvement was presented and on the suggestion of city engineer was laid over until the improvement of that street and Cypress street can be prosecuted in conjunction with each other to save expense in advertising.

Deeds for street in Ungerland tract on a line with the eastern extension of Cypress street accepted and ordered filed and recorded in the office of the county recorder.

Contractor Sinclair granted an extension for thirty days for the completion of improvement work on Los Angeles street.

City Attorney Baker authoribed by resolution unanimously adopted to appear before the state board of public utilities in the matter of the contract with the Pacific Light and Power corporation for a street lighting system in the city of Tropico.

The committee on public works reported through City Engineer Lynch that a plan of a storm water conduit had been agreed upon for conducting accumulation of Sycamore flood water on Adams street from the foot of that street across private property into the Barranca across Moore avenue and along the northerly base of the Tropico hills on the south and east.

Mr. Carmack of the board of trustees of the Tropico public school reported the completion of preparations for meeting the district's proportion of the expense of improving Glendale avenue and Cerritos avenue along the frontage on those streets of public school property, and the city engineer was instructed to bring in the map and estimate of cost of the proposed improvement, together with resolution of intention to improve the same at next regular meeting.

Mr. Carmack, president of the library board, reported progress in the matter of opening the city public library; that quarters had been secured for library and reading room purposes on Cypress street near the corner of Central avenue, known as Vine Cottage, the first house east of the residence of F. C. Richardson, at a rental of $16 per month.

The sum of $200 was transferred from the general fund to the library fund, for temporary use of the library board, to be refunded from the proceeds of the tax levy for library purposes on the first of January next.

Report of public works committee recommending the adoption of the petition for closing alley in Boynton tract on consent of owners of abutting property and payment of cost of advertising, etc., submitted and laid on the table.

The "roller skating" nuisance, of which numerous complaints have been made to the city marshal, was brought to the attention of the board and the city marshal advised that he proceed for the abatement of the nuisance and the punishment of offenders committing the same by civil action before the city recorder. Persons, young or old, should be taught that skating on the sidewalk or other use of the property of the city, either to the annoyance of citizens or injury to property is a nuisance the law prohibits and punishes.

Bill of Los Angeles County against city of Tropico for work done in lowering grade of San Fernando road at crossing of Central avenue in the sum of about $2000, received and referred to city engineer for investigation as to its being a proper charge against the city, it nowhere appearing that such an expenditure on account of the city having been authorized by the city.

City Attorney Baker was appointed a delegate to represent the city at the convention to be held by the League of California Municipalities at Berkeley, September 23-28, and the sum of $25 appropriated to cover half the expenses of the service, the city of San Fernando paying the other half.

LOCAL AND PERSONAL.

The Davis Grocery Co. have improved the appearance of their store by the addition of some large showcases—made necessary by their increasing business.

The business section of Tropico will have a different appearance when the lights are put in. The different merchants are preparing to put in many new lights.

Mrs. G. B. Reynolds has returned from San Diego, where she spent 10 days with friends.

Mr. and Mrs. E. L. Kyle are visiting F. H. Davis and family. Their home is Youngstown, Ohio. Mrs. Kyle and Mrs. E. R. Davis are sisters.

F. H. Davis and Frank Peters attended the County Republican convention as delegates from this city, held in Long Beach Saturday.

The three big events of yesterday were the opening of the public schools, the coming of Teddy Bull Moose, and the arrival of the circus.

J. M. Rich, eldest son of James H. Rich of this city, accompanied by his wife, is touring the United States with Tropico as his ultimate destination.

Mr. Stapleton of the Davis Grocery is again at his post after a week's outing at Avalon.

The Ladies' Aid Society of the Methodist Episcopal Church will give a box social in K. of P. Hall, Gabiag Block, September 24th, at 8 p. m. A splendid musical program will be rendered and a first-class lunch in each box. Coffee will be served free. No names will be in the boxes, leaving the purchasers free to select **any** one they desire t eat with them. The public is cordially invited to come and enjoy a social evening with the ladies.

AN OLD FASHIONED BASKET SOCIAL WILL BE GIVEN by La Halla Temple No. 122, Pythian Sisters, on Wednesday evening, Sept. 18th, at K. of P. Hall. Each lady is requested to bring a basket filled with good things to eat. Admission: GENTLEMEN 50c, WHICH INCLUDES BASKETS, GOOD MUSIC AND DANCING.

Mr. and Mrs. Ludden, purchasers through M. G. Coughlan of the beautiful bungalow residence at the corner of El Bonito and Gardena Avenues have taken possession and are at home in their fine property.

The Richardson Tract is quite exclusively colonized by Y. M. C. A. people.

Frank E. Peters and Frank H. Davis, delegates from Tropico to the Republican Convention at Long Beach, Saturday, pulled together for once and voted for the resolution endorsing Roosevelt and Johnson. It was an admirable coallition and should be made permanent for civic boosting on all occasions.

B. W. Richardson, with his companion, W. H. Bullis, has reached San Francisco on his auto-car trip across the continent, and will be home in Tropico some time during the week.

Proceedings for the improvement of Park Avenue, heretofore abandoned, are to be started anew, this time with the full assurance that the work will be carried to a finish. At the west end of the extension of this street from its crossing of the Southern Pacific railroad is the east gateway to Griffith Park. This extension is within the limits of Los Angeles. That it will be opened and improved in conjunction with the improvement of the Tropico end of the street there is good reason to believe.

Los Angeles Park Commissioners are constructing seven miles of scenic driveways in Griffith Park. On their completion, no more attractive and thrilling auto-trips in all the world will be afforded.

W. A. Chapman of the Tropico Market has the contract for providing the big camp of laborers over in Griffith Park with meats.

Prospective home buyers in the Atwater Subdivision of a part of the Richardson Ranch, are making inquiries into the matter of public school facilities. The school house belonging to the Los Angeles District, is over north on Park Avenue. To make it accessable from the Atwater Tract and prospective subdivisions of the Richardson Ranch, a street must be opened across the ranch west of the Tile Factory.

Responses have been received by O. E. Burch to his notice of the proposed organization of the Tropico Band which encourage the belief that the organization with twenty-four pieces will soon be completed. The band will be under the direction of the well known music director, Mr. J. J. Burke, 220 Blanche Ave., Tropico. All who wish to participate in the organization will please be in attendance at a meeting for that purpose at K. of P. Hall Saturday evening, September 21.

E. C. Fairfield reports from Boston that his Eastern trip is panning out splendidly, having added ten pounds to his avordupois, all due to Boston baked beans with codfish and cream.

At last the advancing tide of modernism has reached the City of Tropico. Ere another moon shall wax and wane, one of the most marvelous productions in the form and fashion of a popular picture show will be handsomely quartered in one of the large rooms in the Gabaig Block extension, under the supervision of Morris Cook and Arthur Payne, well known connoisseurs of the sublime and beautiful.

C. B. Cunningham has the contract for the building of the Gabaig block annex, and will have it under roof in a very short time.

Mrs. L. J. Kenney and Mrs. Martha Bogardus, of Lansing, Mich., are house guests of Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Kenney, at their bungalow home on the San Fernando Road. The ladies are the mother and aunt of Mr. Kenney and were delegates to the W. R. C. of the Grand Army encampment.

Clyde B. Thadeker, agent of the Southern Pacific Railway, has sold his residence on Los Angeles Street, through the Andy Stephenson agency, and will proceed at once to build for himself another right away.

James T. Cawthorn, General Manager of the Guarantee Investment Company, has purchased one of the last of the bungalows recently constructed by his company, for his family residence, and will move in at once.

The N. P. Banks Grand Army Post and Women's Relief Corps, were among the most active participants in the grand reception given by Los Angeles to the old soldiers of the Civil War.

Little Mildred Kenney, daughter of our townsman and neighbor, was honored in The Examiner by her picture in the act of decorating an old soldier with flowers, on the day of the parade.

The rate for a 30-ride family ticket on the Pacific Electric road between Los Angeles and San Fernando Road, Tropico, is $2.30, or 7 2-3 cents a ride; just 2 2-3 cents over the usual street car fare of 5 cents. For a 46-ride individual ticket, the rate is $2.65, or a trifle under 6 cents a ride. And thus the request of the Sentinel is granted. Good enough, Mr. Pontius. We thank you.

D. McCabe is with the E. L. Young, Tropico Light and Stove Co.

Our attention is called to the fact by the Glendale News that a contract for electric energy with the Pacific Light and Power company was preferred to one with Los Angeles, which had so many "ifs" and "buts" to it to be businesslike. With sincere friends of electric lighting this should be a safe precedent to follow.

We have heard the opinion expressed, in fact we have been and are somewhat of the same opinion, that Socialism and Progressism are very much alike in their respective tenets. Both agree that there is a radical wrong in the distribution of wealth, and in political organizations that make such a condition possible. But they do not agree upon a theory of what is the best remedy for the wrong, and they never will. Some have too much, others too little. So it ever was, and so it ever will be where man rules. Equality of opportunity is God made. Inequality of opportunity is man made. God rules the natural world; man the artificial. Conditions are not due to the mistakes of the Almighty, but to man's, unless it be that in the making of man it was a mistake to make greed and avarice the principal ingredients of his composition. With the eradication of those dominant elements of his composition the creation of a bond of sympathy between the "tool owner and the tool user" and the inauguration of the reign of "peace on earth and good will to man " the distribution of wealth will be satisfactory. Until then we must be resigned to wait.

THAT CONTRACT FOR STREET LIGHTS

Attempt to Hold It Up Not a Blooming Success

The feeling of our readers that they have had enough of "stuff" on the subject of electric lights for Tropico, is appreciated, and in what is to follow, as necessary to full information of final results we shall be as brief as possible.

At the hearing of the application of the Pacific Light and Power corporation for a permit by the state board of railroad commissioners to purchase from L. C. Brand the property, poles and wires, of which he is the owner in the city of Tropico, on Friday last, the testimony in the matter was taken by one of the commissioners, Mr. Max Thelan, in the Supreme Court room at Los Angeles.

Mr. Brand was first to testify. He was shown a memorandum of an option he had given the Pacific Light and Power corporation to purchase the property for $5200, and verified it as correct, and, as stating as his price for it, the appraised value of the property fixed upon and reported to him by experts. Other witnesses testified as to the value of the property and fixed upon that sum as being approximately correct. Questions were asked by a citizen of Tropico having for their apparent object the showing that Pacific Light and Power corporation was be'ng cheated by Mr. Brand.

Applicant's contract with the city of Tropico to furnish the streets of that city with electric lights was presented with the showing that its proposed purchase of the property of Mr. Brand in Tropico was to facilitate compliance with that contract, which calls for the extension of Mr. Brand's lighting service from a small part to all parts of the city.

With this the Pacific Light and Power corporation rested its application and the commissioner entered upon the hearing of objections offered by certain citizens to the contract for lighting the streets of the city with electricity that had been entered into by the board of trustees with the P. L. and P. corporation.

The principal of these objections was that the board of trustees had not given the city of Los Angeles an opportunity to compete with the Pacific L. and P. corporation for the supply of the city with electric energy at an extremely liberal rate. To this the reply of Mr. Bancroft, president of the board of trustees, was, in substance that the city did not have a system of its own for the distribution of electrical energy; that on the 22d day of December, 1911, the electors of the city had voted down a proposed issue of $20,000 in the bonds of the city for the acquisition of such a system, and that an effort to obtain the petition of a majority of the taxpayers of the city for another election, which had been diligently circulated and prosecuted in the past several months, had dismally failed. The consequence is that the city of Tropico is not in a position to accept the offer of electric energy by the city of Los Angeles even as a free gift. More than that it was believed by the board of trustees that the proposition of the Pacific Light and Power corporation was a better one than that of the city of Los Angeles even if Tropico had a system of distribution of electric energy of its own, for the reason that the cost of a competent superintendent of the plant, up-keep and interest would necessitate a much higher rate to possible consumers than that offered by the P. L. and P. corporation.

In this connection the letter of Engineer Scattergood, together with the "eye opener" that had been circulated quite industriously throughout Tropico, came up for inspection, and was found to be quite seriously misleading, especially with the uninformed, in that its estimates of gross revenue from a plant for the distribution of electric energy were based on conditions that do not exist and are not likely to ever exist in Tropico.

First of all, the estimate of gross revenue is based on an estimate of consumers to the number of five hundred, when two hundred is more than can be calculated upon for some time to come, especially with cheap gas in immediate prospect. If Mr. Scattergood, or the gentlemen for whom he was figuring had been disposed to be fair they would have had him figure on conditions as they actually exist and are likely for some time to exist in Tropico, as the basis of their calculations.

With this disclosure of the deceptive character of the "figuring" put forth in the "eye opener" the hearing was brought to a close, and with the observation of the commissioner that it should be stipulated in the contract that the city should have the privilege of buying the property of the corporation's plant if at any time the city votes to do so, at its original cost plus ten per cent for labor of installation, the case was submitted. With this proper concession asked for by Mr. Baker and conceded by the P. L. and P. corporation, which leaves the matter otherwise in the same situation it was in before. We trust we shall now have peace, at least until after Christmas.

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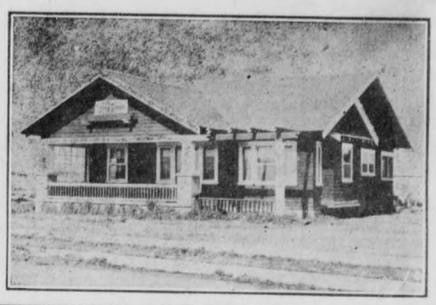

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3 Cans Oysters 25c

COUNCIL RECONSIDERS FRANCHISE REJECTION

Turns Down Utility Board's Recommendation For San Pedro Street; Then Opens Question Again.

After rejecting the report of the board of bublic utilities for a Pacific Electric franchise on San Pedro street from Aliso to Seventh street in order to reserve this street for the use of the proposed municipal railroad, the council yesterday reconsidered its vote.

This reconsideration leaves the situation exactly the same as it has been for several weeks past. Councilmen Lusk and Topham were anxious to decide the question yesterday but at the request of President Lusk, it was put over until next Tuesday.

Topham favors the plan for granting a seven- year franchise to the Pacific Electric with a provision that the city can take the line over at any time by paying for it at cost and after five years at cost, less five per cent.

A public meeting is scheduled to be held this afternoon before the board of public utilities to hear the arguments for and against the construction of the line on Los Angeles street.

One of the objections advanced to entering into a joint arrangement with the Pacific Electric to construct tracks on San Pedro street was that the city has not definitely decided what style of electric motors to use. Representatives of the storage battery system of electric car propulsion have interviewed members of the municipal transportation committee with a view to having that system installed. The committee has literature along that line on hand but has not gone into the question thoroughly as they considered the project was not far enough advanced to take it up in detail.

From what some of the members know of the system, however, they are inclined to favor it. It is said to be in successful use in a number of eastern and southern cities and to be a great saving in both cost of operation and construction over the trolley system. Councilman Reed points out that it might not be desirable to authorize the Pacific Electric to build tracks with an agreement that the city will take them over at cost in a short time, because if the storage battery system is used on the municipal road, the city will be obligated to pay for the expense of overhead trolleys and feed wires which should be of no use to the city.

Several phases of the Los Angeles street proposition will be discussed today, one being the form of the application of the Pacific Electric, which calls for a line from First to Ninth streets, while President Foulkes of the board states that he understood the application was to be only from First to Seventh. He said he could see no reason why the line should extend farther south than necessary to connect with the tracks on Seventh street. Railway officials explained that Seventh street was now badly congested and they wished to be in a position to extend their tracks as far as Ninth and divert some of the south division cars that way.

This phase of the question was brought up by the objections of wholesale dry goods merchants and others located between Seventh and Ninth, who informed the board that they were opposed to the line in front of their stores. They decided to join with the others who are objecting to the line on any portion of Los Angeles street.

In some cases, there is a division of opinion between the property owners and tenants as to the advisability of a car line on the street and petitions from both will be presented to the board today. The board is inclined to respect the petitions of the tenants, especially those who are tied up with long term leases.

Commissioners Wheeler and Bekins are inclined to believe that the Pacific Electric should be given a franchise on San Pedro street, but President Foulkes is willing to have the line on Los Angeles street, provided there is not too much opposition from the property owners. Before discussing the terms of the proposed franchise, however, the board wishes to ascertain the wishes of the property owners and long term tenants.

Commissioners Wheeler and Bekins hold that the expense of widening San Pedro street was with the understanding that a car line would be built on that street, but the councilmen replied to this proposition with the statement that the municipal line will be constructed there and arrangements also are made to lay a third track so that the yellow lines can give local service.

—Municipal News.

Obstacles to the condemnation of land at First and Chicago streets for one of the Carnegie branch library sites, have been cleared away and the proceedings now can be hurried to completion. Upon a report from the city engineer that a lengthy petition objecting to the size of the assessment district, did not contain a majority of the frontage affected, the council denied the protest.

HAY AND WOOD YARDS MUST LEAVE DISTRICT

Now that Chinese laundries and lumber yards and brick makers have been pretty well driven out of the residence district and into the industrial districts, the city prosecutor's office intends to turn its attention to wood yards and hay barns. Announcement of this fact was made to the public welfare committee by Ray E. Nimmo, deputy city prosecutor.

Nimmo admitted the prosecutor's office had let the wood and hay yards go by default and the time given to more flagrant offenders of the industrial district ordinance. But the ordinance requires wood and hay dealers to do business in the industrial district and the prosectuor will immediately begin to crowd them out of residence sections.

Not all the Chinese laundries have been moved out of residence districts. George E. Hupp, who appeared before the committee on behalf of the Chinese laundries said there are still ten operating illegally, but that they were being moved rapidly. The committee agreed that if the removal of these ten was rapid enough there would be no prosecutions against them.

The committee granted the convent of the Good Shepherd two years in which to remove the laundry it operates on Pico street, in connection with the convent.

ABROGATE RULE ON WATER CONNECTION

Moved by protests the Public Service Commission at a meeting held especially Friday afternoon abrogated that portion of its rule recently put into force regarding water connections which requires payment of 80 cents per foot front as additional charge on streets where mains have been laid and not paid for by assessment. The effect of this part of the rule was to increase the cost of all water connections from $9 to amounts ranging from $30 to $60.

Owners of 50-foot lots found that they were expected to pay $9 connection charge and in addition $40 for their frontage to pay the share of expense in laying the main. In several cases this affected lots that had not prepared for such expense and whose owners knew that only a few days before adjoining lots got connections for the old rate of $9. When these complaints reached the Mayor he intervened in support of the protestants and the Commission abrogated its rule.

Officials Disagree

In taking this action however the Commission declared its purpose to enforce the rule on and after July 1, 1913. This date was fixed so all property owners will have ample notice of the new policy if it is decided next year to enforce it, which many believe doubtful. Among those who oppose the pro rata charge for connections where mains exist is William Mulholland, Superintendent of the water department. He believes the assessment for mains should only affect absolutely new work, where extension of mains is concerned. To do this by assessment districts is just, is his belief, but he does not believe connections with mains already installed is equitable among the consumers.

President Henderson believes it is equitable and instances cases where vacant lots will not use water until the main is worn out and must be renewed by assessment district. The vacant lot will contribute nothing to the new main through water rates, as the occupied lot has been doing for years. He believes, he says, in justice for the rate payer as well as for the new customer.

Rule on New Extensions

"The rate payers have been paying for water and in addition for mains" he says," and now it is proposed to charge new customers their pro rata share of the cost of building the system. If this is not done the rate payers will have been charged for the whole system while the new customers except where extensions of mains are necessary, will pay only for the water, and this too, at reduced rates. The city bonded itself to take over the water system and the rate payers have paid the debt, not the tax payers on vacant property."

While Henderson voted to abrogate the rule he believes it just. The trouble, he said, came in cases where poor men had exhausted their means in building and when they came to the additional $40 charge pleaded no notice of the change. In order that all may have notice he voted for the abrogation until July of next year.

The 80-cent a foot rate was obtained by taking the entire cost of the water system and dividing it by the total length in feet of the mains.

The rule will still stand as to new extensions. They will be laid by assesment district which must pay at the rate of 80 cents per foot front.

COUNCIL ALONE CAN ESTABLISH DRY ZONE

Charter limitations make it impossible for the council to submit to a vote of the people the question of establishing a "dry zone" at the harbor, according to a report the city attorney rendered to the council yesterday. But, says the city attorney, there is nothing to prevent the council passing any legislation it chooses on the subject and it can make San Pedro, or any other place a dry zone by ordinance. This opinion was referred to the public welfare committee.

A number of organizations have asked that the council prohibit the sale of liquor within four miles of the municipal harbor improvement, as was done by state law in connection with the aqueduct construction. The council wanted to submit the matter to a vote. In looking up the law the city attorney found that where the charter of an incorporated city contained liquor restrictions, such restrictions became a part of the charter of the original city on annexation. But while San Pedro was a city of the fifth class and Wilmington of the sixth class, they were not operating under a freeholder's charter when annexed, says the city attorney.

This leaves the liquor regulation at the harbor purely a matter of legislation, according to the city attorney, and the council cannot delegate this power of legislation to the voters at the harbor.

COUNCIL HAS DECISION

In a report to the council yesterday, the city attorney informed that body that it was within the discretion of the council to publish the report of the aqueduct investigating board or not as it chose. The only provision along that line in the initiative ordinance creating the board, calls for the making of seven complete copies, one of which is to be placed in the public library.

The report now is in the hands of the supply committee where it was referred last week "for publication."

Tropico to Continue Fight for Municipal Electric Distribution

Citizens of Tropico have not given up their fight for a municipally owned light system in connection with the power of the Los Angeles aqueduct and a committee, of which E. S. Ayres is the head, has asked the State Railroad Commission to prevent the consolidation of private interests that will defeat municipal ownership. In spite of the municipal ownership sentiment the trustees of Tropico recently voted to give a five year contract to the Pacific Light and Power company. To carry out this contract the Pacific company must aquire by purchase the distributing system of the Glendale light and power company in Tropico. It has asked the Railroad commission to permit the purchase but Ayres and others have intervened and asked suspension until an election may be held in Tropico to decide whether the five year contract of a municipal system shall rule.

The aqueduct power bureau, through E. F. Scattergood, chief electrical engineer, offered to supply Tropico but the trustees expressed doubt as to the readiness of the aqueduct system and accepted the private concern's figures. Similarly in Glendale the aqueduct power, on a basis that would have saved $8100 for the city, was ignored and the private company given a five years contract, even though Pasadena offered to supply Glendale temporarily.

Municipal ownership advocates in Tropico say they can carry the question at an election, if the Railroad Commission will withhold approval of the absorption of the private system. Without the approval the award to the Pacific company will be without effect.

Ayres and a committee conferred with Railroad Commissioner E. O. Edgerton here Saturday in an effort to enlighten him as to the situation. Scattergood was also present because the aqueduct power bureau expects to sell a large surplus to the cities in the environs of Los Angeles.

CITY WILL CONSTRUCT NEW FLOATING LANDING

To build the floating landing at the foot of First street, San Pedro, the harbor commission has asked the council to appropriate $3500 from the general fund. The commission feels its request is justified as the license money received from the wharfage, dockage and cargo handling at the harbor goes into the general fund. Plans and specifications for this landing were presented by the city engineer. He estimates the cost of building and installing it to be the sum asked by the commission. The money cannot come from the harbor bond fund because the landing is in the nature of repairs and not new construction.

The landing will consist of a barge 24 by 45 feet and will be placed in position across the foot of First street. It will be connected to the wharf by a gangway 37½ feet long and ten feet wide. This connection will allow the landing to rise and fall with the tide. in order to install the landing it will be necessary to tear out the present landing stage, remove the old piling and install some new piles. Some dredging will also be necessary.

The city owns 50 feet of the water frontage at the foot of First street. The commission believes this frontage will be of great value for freight and passengers with a proper landing.

News of Commission

A number of amendments have been made to the ordinance governing the sale of steamship tickets and representatives of the passenger steamship lines and the harbor commission held a conference on the ordinance this morning.

Arrangements for an inventory of the lands owned by the city at the harbor were made by the harbor commission today. The inventory will be taken by the auditor's office.

The Hammond Lumber company wants to build an addition to its power plant on the north side of Harbor avenue, near Third street, East San Pedro. The application was referred to the harbor commission by the board of public works, but the commission is unable to tell from the application whether tidelands claimed by the city are involved in the matter. If they are not the harbor commission has no jurisdiction in the matter and it returned the application to the board of public works for more information.

RECOMMEND STATE LAW

Council Refuses to Force Automobilists to Adopt Speed Indicator

Guy V. Garner's plea for the adoption by ordinance of a device for indicating to pedestrians whether an automobile is exceeding the speed limit, was disregarded by the council on recommendation of the legislation committee. Garner wanted the council to pass an ordinance that would require all automobiles in the city to be equipped with the device.

The councilmen and C. E. Sebastion, chief of police, who appeared before the committee, agreed that the device was one which should be used, but considered that the law requiring it should be statewide.

Garner stated after the meeting of the committee that he would take steps to invoke the initiative and have an ordinance passed.

W. M. Humphreys, commissioner of public works, still maintains that his estimate of $2655 as half the value of the portion of Chavez street, which the R. H. Raphael Realty company wants vacated, is equitable. The realty company said the land is not worth to exceed $550.

Impose License Tax on Put-Put Vehicles is Clerk's Suggestion

Legislation Committee of Council Considers Plant of Making Motorcycles Pay Fees of $2 a Year into City Treasury.

As a partial compensation for the agony the general public suffers from motorcycles, City Clerk Handley wants to assess a license fee of $2 a year on the "spitting devils" and has asked the council to amend the license ordinance to that effect. The matter is in the hands of the legislation committee.

The only license fee the owner of a motorcycle pays now is $1 at the time he registers his machine and receives his number from the city. This $1 fee lasts for the life of the machine.

FINISH AQUEDUCT BY 1913 SAYS MULHOLLAND

Chief Engineer Sets Date When Stream Will Be Turned Into Big Ditch For Continuous Flow from Source to City.

Fourteen miles of ditch and a mile and a half of tunnel work are all that remain to be done to complete the Owens River water project within the scope of the $23,000,000 bond issue Chief Engineer Mulholland said yesterday that the aqueduct project will be done and ready for carrying water from the Sierras by January 1.

The "aqueduct proper" is the 243 miles of construction between the head of the San Fernando Valley and the intake north of Independence, Inyo County. Most of the work south of the head of the San Fernando Valley is yet to be done. Of the "aqueduct proper" there is yet to be made six and one-half miles of open ditch in the Alabama Hills, four and one-quarter miles in the Rose Valley, a mile and one-fourth in the Grapevine division, a quarter of a mile in the south Grapevine and one and three-quarters miles of siphons in the Jawbone, Pine Tree and Grapevine canyons.

Of the tunnels but a mile and a half in the power diversion at the San Francisquito remain to be done of the nine and one-third begun a year ago.

Great Storage Reservoir

When this work is completed the "big ditch" will be ready to carry water. Already many parts of it are carrying water as a test of the construction but a continuous stream from the intake to the head of the San Fernando will be possible after January 1. Of course it will take time to fill such great reservoirs as the Haiwee (upper and lower) in all seven and one-half miles long and which will act as the purification system for the water. After it has passed through the Haiwee reservoirs it will be conveyed without seeing daylight to the head of the San Fernando a distance of about 170 miles.

An idea of the quantity to be stored in the Haiwee reservoirs may be gained by imagining a structure one acre in area and 64,000 feet high full of water—Enough water to last the city for a year and a half.

Of the work south of the San Fernando heading the dam for the lower reservoir is well along and the upper one is through its preliminary stages, though actual work has not begun.

The tunnels of the Franklin canyon reservoir system and power site are about 200 feet in the rock and construction of the first dam has been begun.

Specifications for the steel conduit conveying water from the San Fernando reservoir are being prepared. This pipe for the greatest distance—66,000 feet—will be six feet in diameter of 14 to 516 inches thickness and will weigh 240 pounds to the linear foot, making a gross weight of 15,840,000 pounds or 7920 tons.

—Municipal News.

SOLVE DRAIN PROBLEM

City Engineer Makes Recommendation for Disposal of Surface Water

Plans for handling the storm water which ordinarily flows into the lake in Echo park, carrying with it quantities of refuse and vegetable matter, were presented to the city council in a report of the city engineer today, with a recommendation that the system be constructed whenever feasible.

Because of the fact that an existing sewer under the Echo Park playground is only large enough to care for about one-third the maximum run-off, the plans are somewhat complicated and consist of junction chambers in which a portion of the water is held and the refuse allowed to settle while the clean water—or a portion of it, at least—is allowed to flow into the lake.

"The storm sewer," concludes the report, "is estimated to cost $21,955, and, if built, will be the means of removing a serious public nuisance from one of the city's most beautiful parks, and will eliminate the annual expense caused by attempting to keep the lake free from sediment."

Sections at War Over Name of Boulevard In Colegrove District

Decisions to rename Santa Monica boulevard have been reached and countermanded so frequently that more than half the people interested in the name of that street do not know just what the council has done about it, or what it proposes to do next. In fact the council itself, and the streets committee that has mainly handled the question, is a little dubious as to just what has been done.

August 27 the council adopted a resolution to change the name of Santa Monica boulevard to Colegrove boulevard. This action was the result of a numerously signed petition asking that such a change be made. When the anti-Colegrove boulevard contingent learned of the resolution they descended on the council with a vigorous protest and a petition. The council referred the matter back to the streets committee and both sides crowded the council chamber when the committee held its meeting last week.

The Santa Monica boulevard people reminded the committee that it had agreed not to change the name except on a majority petition. The committee remembered its pledge and agreed to stick by it. The resolution changing the name to Colegrove cannot be effective until an ordinance is adopted and the committee will oppose the adoption of such an ordinance until property owners and residents on the street can present petitions and show by the frontage on the street just what the sentiment is in regard to changing the name.

J. J. Backus, chief building inspector, who has been instructed to draw the plans for the proposed municipal building to be erected in Hollywood, has asked the board of public works to ascertain the amount of space in the building which will be occupied by the police, fire, auditor's and other departments of the city which will use it.

ALLOW PAWNBROKERS TO REDEEM PLEDGES

Police Commissioners Place Officer in Store to See That Firm Closes Out Business Where Permit Is Revoked.

With a policeman stationed at A. B. Cohn & Bros. to see that the pawnshop does not accept any new pledges the place will be allowed to continue business until the pledges on hand are redeemed. When the pledges now in the hands of the pawnbrokers are redeemed by their owners the commission will revoke the pawnbroker's license held by the Cohns, which will put the largest pawnshop in the city out of business. Two weeks ago the police commission revoked the Cohn permit and then restored it because to close the place would prevent those having pledges with the Cohns from redeeming them.

Through the control the police commission has over liquor permits of every kind that board purposes to prohibit the employment of Caucasian women in restaurants operated by Mongolians. Complaint was made to the commission by Chief Sebastian against the employment of white girls in these places. He declared that the associations of these girls was undesirable and the commissioners agreed with him. Police Commissioners Akey and McDill and City Prosecutor Guy Eddie were appointed as a committee and instructed to formulate a rule prohibiting the employment of white women in such places.

The wholesale permit of B. Sentich was suspended by the commission until Sept. 16. Testimony heard by the police commission convinced that body that Sentich was guilty of sending out liquor from his store that was not tagged according to the requirements of the city ordinance.

News of Commission

Sergeant H. L. White resigned from the police department. He gave the reason that he has some land in Oregon and he wishes to raise cattle.

Clarence B. Walker and Charles T. Howard were appointed stenographers of the police department.

H. I. Nicholson and L. J. Ammon have been appointed sergeants. There is still one vacancy in the sergeant list to be filled.

L. J. Thompson, W. R. Simpson and R. C. LaBerge were appointed patrolmen.

Patrolman R. M. Green who was injured while trying to lift an automobile off a street car track, finds he will have to submit to an operation. As he was on duty at the time the injury occured he asks the city to pay the cost of the operation. The police commission appointed a committee to determine what the cost will be.

Maggiora & Maggiora were granted the restaurant No. 1 liquor permit for the Cafe Martin at 214 West First. This permit was formally held by Backer, Maggiora and Regoli.

C. E. McDuffee, 801 East Fifth St., was granted permission to enlarge his business and include the adjoining store room in his No. 2 restaurant permit.

Knowles and Anderson were granted the retail permit at 103 South Spring. This permit was formally held by R. L. Knowles.

TO AVOID ELECTROLYSIS

Board of Public Works Will Listen to Suggestions

Methods of protecting oil pipe lines from electrolysis are under consideration by the Board of Public Works in connection with the specifications governing the construction of such lines. Different methods have been employed in the past, but the members of the board are not decided as to which is most economical and at the same time efficient.

Before definite specifications are adopted it is proposed to accord a hearing, to which will be invited the principal owners of pipe lines, the city oil inspector, the city electrician, the city engineer and representatives of the railways and power companies, so that the proposed regulations and the division of the expense can be discussed.

WILL SELL CITY LAND

Council Decides to Dispose of Tract Near Big Cement Mill

Bids for about 2000 acres of land owned by the city and located near the city's cement mill at Monolith will be received by the city council October 1. The sale of the property was provided by resolution adopted by the council yesterday.

The minimum value fixed on the land is $55,000, but the council expects to receive much more than that for it is said to be splendid apple land and can be used for almost any agricultural purpose. Water can be developed in large quantities. The land was purchased by the city several years ago in order to gain control of the clay deposits for the cement mill.

MAY ABANDON PLAN TO CHANGE HARBOR LINES

Changing harbor lines to conform to the Goodrich plans for the development of the inner harbor, was a subject considered by the harbor commission at its meeting today. So much opposition has developed that the commission may withdraw its application to the United States government to change these lines.

Instead of a change in the harbor lines it is expected an agreement will be reached with the Bannings and other claimants of the tidelands in litigation to construct the approach to the municipal wharf at Wilmington and the wharf to be built on the west side of the Morman Island channel across these same tidelands.

The proposed change in the harbor lines would be necessary to carry the entire Goodrich scheme to completion but the harbor commission expects it will be years and require millions of dollars to do all the work that Goodrich outlined, so the necessity for an immediate change does not appear to the commission. The Goodrich scheme is for the ultimate development of the entire harbor frontage and is a plan to work to as the years roll on.

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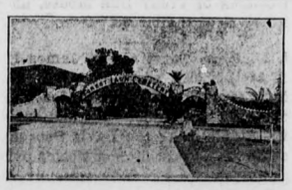

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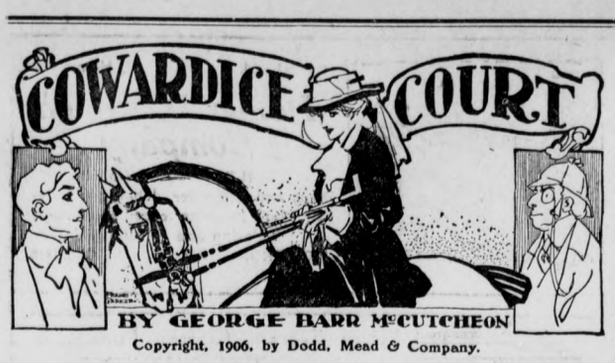

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CHAPTER IV.

In Which the Truth Trespasses.

LORD and Lady Bazelhurst, with the more energetic members of their party, spent the day in a so called hunting excursion to the hills south of the villa. Toward nightfall they returned successfully empty handed and rapacious for bridge. Penelope, full of smoldering anger, had spent the afternoon in her room, disdaining every call of sociability. She had awakened to the truth of the situation in so far as she was concerned. She was at least seeing things from Shaw's point of view. Her resentment was not against the policy of her brother, but the overbearing, petulant tyranny of her American sister-in-law. From the beginning she had disliked Evelyn; now she despised her. With the loyal simplicity of a sister she absolved Cecil of all real blame in the outrage of the morning, attributing everything to the cruelty and envy of the despot who held the purse strings from which dangled the pliable fortunes of Bazelhurst. The Bazelhursts, one and all—ancestors thrown in—swung back and forth on the pendulum of her capriciousness. Penelope, poor as a church mouse, was almost wholly dependent upon her brother, who in turn owed his present affluence to the more or less luckless movement of the matrimonial market. The girl had a small, inadequate income—so small that it was almost worth jesting about.

Here was Penelope, twenty-two, beautiful, proud, fair minded and healthy, surveying herself for the first time from a new and an entirely different point of view. She was not pleased with the picture. She began to loathe herself more than she pitied her brother. Something like a smile came into her clouded face as she speculated on Randolph Shaw's method of handling Evelyn Banks had she fallen to him as a wife. The quiet power in that man's face signified the presence of a manhood that—ah, and just here it occurred to her that Lady Bazelhurst felt the force of that power even though she never had seen the man. She hated him because he was strong enough to oppose her, to ignore her, to laugh at her impotence.

The smoldering anger and a growing sense of fairness combined at length in the determination to take her brother and his wife to task for the morning's outrage, let the consequences be what they might. When she joined the people downstairs before dinner there was a red spot in each cheek and a steady look in her eyes that caused the duke to neglect woefully the conversation he was carrying on with Mrs. Odwell.

Dinner was delayed for nearly half an hour while four of the guests finished their "rubber." Penelope observed that the party displayed varying emotions. It afterward transpired that the hunters had spent most of the afternoon in her ladyship's distant lodge playing bridge for rather high stakes. Little Miss Folsom was pitifully unresponsive to the mirth of Mr. Odwell. She could ill afford to lose $600. Lady Bazelhurst was in a frightful mood. Her guests had so far forgotten themselves as to win more than $1,000 of the Banks legacy, and she was not a cheerful loser, especially as his lordship had dropped an additional $500. The winners were riotously happy. They had found the sport glorious. An observer given to deductions might have noticed that half of the diners were immoderately hilarious, the other half studiously polite.

Lord Bazelhurst wore a hunted look and drank more than one or two high balls. From time to time he cast furtive glances at his wife. He laughed frequently at the wrong time and mirthlessly.

"He's got something on his mind," whispered Odwell in comment.

"Yes; he always laughs when there is anything on his mind," replied Mrs. De Peyton. "That's the way he gets it off."

After dinner no one proposed cards. The party edged off into twos and threes and explained how luck had been with or against them. Penelope, who could not afford to play for stakes and had the courage to say so, sat back and listened to the conversation of her brother and the group around him. The duke was holding forth on the superiority of the Chinese over the Japanese as servants, and Bazelhurst was loudly defending the Japanese navy.

"Hang it all, Barminster, the Japs could eat 'em up!" he proclaimed. "Couldn't they?" to the crowd.

"I'm talking about servants, Cecil," observed the duke.

"And shoot? Why, they're the greatest gunners in the world. By Jove, I read somewhere the other day that they had hit what they shot at 3,000,000 times out of—or, let me see, was it the Prussians who fired 3,000,000 rounds and"—

"Oh, let's change the subject," said the duke in disgust. "What's become of that Shaw fellow?" Penelope started and flushed, much to her chagrin. At the sound of Shaw's name Lady Bazelhurst, who was passing with the count, stopped so abruptly that her companion took half a dozen paces without her.

"Shaw? By Jove, do you know I'd completely forgotten that fellow," exclaimed Cecil.

"I thought you were going to shoot him or shoot at him or something like that. Can't you get him in range?"

"Oh, I wasn't really in earnest about that, Barminster. You know we couldn't shoot at a fellow for such a thing"—

"Nonsense, Cecil," said his wife. "You shoot poachers in England."

"But this fellow isn't a poacher. He's a—a gentleman, I daresay—in some respects—not all, of course, my dear, but"—

"Gentleman? Ridiculous!" scoffed his wife.

"I—yes, quite right—a ridiculous gentleman, of course. Ha, ha! Isn't he, Barminster? But with all that, you know, I couldn't have Tompkins shoot him. He asked me the other day if he should take a shot at Shaw's legs, and I told him not to do anything so absurd." Penelope's heart swelled with relief, and for the first time that evening she looked upon her brother with something like sisterly regard.

"It didn't matter, however," said Lady Evelyn sharply. "I gave him instructions yesterday to shoot any trespasser from that side of the line. I can't see that we owe Mr. Shaw any especial consideration. He has insulted and ignored me at every opportunity. Why should he be permitted to trespass more than any other common lawbreaker? If he courts a charge of birdshot he should not expect to escape scot free. Birdshot wouldn't kill a man, you know, but it would"—

But Penelope could restrain herself no longer. The heartlessness of her sister-in-law overcame her prudence, and she interrupted the scornful mistress of the house, her eyes blazing, but her voice under perfect control. Her tall young figure was tense, and her fingers clasped the back of Miss Folsom's chair rather rigidly.

"I suppose you know what happened this morning," she said, with such apparent restraint that every one looked at her expectantly.

"Do you mean in connection with Mr.—with Jack the Giant Killer?" asked her ladyship, her eyes brightening.

"Some one of your servants shot him this morning," said Penelope, with great distinctness. There was breathless silence in the room.

"Shot him?" gasped Lord Bazelhurst, his thin red face going very white.

"Not—not fatally?" exclaimed Evelyn, aghast in spite of herself.

"No. The instructions were carried out. His wound in the arm is trifling. But the coward was not so generous when it came to the life of his innocent, harmless dog. He killed the poor thing. Evelyn, it's—it's like murder!"

"Oh," cried her ladyship, relieved. "He killed the dog. I daresay Mr. Shaw has come to realize at last that we are earnest in this. Of course I am glad that the man is not badly hurt. Still, a few shot in the arm will hardly keep him in bounds. His legs were intended," she laughed lightly. "What miserable aim Tompkins must take."

"He's a bit off in his physiology, my dear," said Cecil, with a nervous attempt at humor. He did not like the expression in his sister's face. Somehow, he was ashamed.

"Oh, it's bad enough," said Penelope. "It was his left arm—the upper arm, too. I think the aim was rather good."

"Pray, how do you know all of this, Penelope?" asked her ladyship, lifting her eyebrows. "I've heard that you see Mr. Shaw occasionally, but you can't be his physician, I'm sure."

Penelope flushed to the roots of her hair, but suppressed the retort which would have been in keeping with the provocation.

"Oh, dear, no!" she replied. "I'm too soft hearted to be a physician. I saw Mr. Shaw just after the—ah—the accident."

"You shaw Saw—I mean you saw Shaw?" gasped Bazelhurst.

"She sees him frequently, Cecil. It was not at all unusual that she should have seen him today. I daresay he waited to show you his wound before going to a surgeon."

Penelope could not resist the temptation to invent a story befitting the moment. Assuming a look of concern, she turned to her brother and said: "He is coming to see you about it tomorrow, and he is coming armed to the teeth, attended by a large party of friends. Mr. Shaw says he will have satisfaction for the death of that dog if he has to shoot everybody on the place."

"Good Lord!" cried the duke. There was instant excitement. "I believe the wretch will do it too."

Penelope Started and Flushed.

"Oh, I say, Bazelhurst, settle with him for the dog," said De Peyton nervously. He looked at his watch and then at his wife. The entire party now was listening to the principal speakers.

"Nonsense!" exclaimed Lady Evelyn. "He won't come. It's all bluster. Don't let it frighten you, Cecil. I know the manner of man."

"I wish you could have seen him this morning," murmured Penelope, thoroughly enjoying the unexpected situation. Her conscience was not troubled by the prevarication.

"By Jove, I think it would be wise to send over and find out what he valued the brute at," said Cecil, mopping his brow.

"Good! We'll send Penelope to act as ambassador," said her ladyship. "She seems to be on friendly terms with the enemy."

"To act as ambassador from Cowardice Court?" questioned Penelope loftily, yet with cutting significance. "No, I thank you. I decline the honor. Besides," with a reflective frown, "I don't believe it's diplomacy he's after."

"I say, what the deuce do you suppose the confounded savage has in mind?" exclaimed the duke. "I've heard of the way those cowboys settle their affairs. You don't imagine"—and he paused significantly.

"It looks like it's going to be a da—rather disagreeable affair," said De Peyton sourly.

"Good heavens! What are we to do if he comes here with a lot of desperadoes and begins to shoot?" cried Mrs. Odwell, genuinely alarmed. "I've read so much of these awful mountain feuds."

"Don't be alarmed. Lord Bazelhurst will attend to the gentleman," said Lady Evelyn blandly. His lordship's monocle clattered down and the ice rattled sharply in his glass.

"To—to be sure," he agreed. "Don't be in the least worried. I'll attend to the upstart. What time's he coming, Pen?"

A door banged noisily near by, and every one jumped as though a gun had been fired. While the "Ohs!" were still struggling from their lips Hodder, the butler, came into the room, doing his best to retain his composure under what seemed to be trying circumstances.

"What is it, Hodder?" demanded her ladyship.

"The cook, your ladyship. She's fallen downstairs and broken her leg," announced Hodder. He did not betray it, but he must have been tremendously surprised by the sigh of relief that went up on all sides. Lord Bazelhurst went so far as to laugh.

"Ha, ha! Is that all?"

"Oh, dear, I'm so glad!" cried Miss Folsom impulsively. "I was frightened half to death. It might have been Mr."—

"Don't be silly, Rose," said Lady Bazelhurst. "Where is she, Hodder?"

"In the laundry, your ladyship. There are two fractures."

"By Jove, two legs instead of one, then. Worse than I thought," cried Bazelhurst, draining his glass.

"Send at once for a doctor, Hodder, and take her to her room. Isn't it annoying?" said her ladyship. "It's so difficult to keep a cook in the mountains."

"Don't see how she can get away without legs," observed De Peyton.

"I'll come with you, Hodder. Perhaps I can do something for her," said Penelope, following the butler from the room.

"Don't take too many patients on your hands, my dear," called the mistress, with a shrill laugh.

"Yes. Remember tomorrow," added the duke. Then suddenly, "I believe I'll lend a hand." He hurried after Penelope rather actively for him.

CHAPTER V.

"I shall go tonight."

LORD BAZELHURST visited his wife's room later in the night, called there by a peremptory summons. Cecil had been taking time by the forelock in anticipation of Shaw's descent in the morning and was inclined to jocundity.

"Cecil, what do you think of Penelope's attitude toward Mr. Shaw?" she asked, turning away from the window which looked out over the night in the direction of Shaw's place.

"I didn't know she had an attitude," replied he, trying to focus his wavering gaze upon her.

"She meets him clandestinely and she supports him openly. Isn't that an attitude, or are you too drunk to see it?"

"My dear, remember you are speaking of my sister," he said with fine dignity but little discrimination. "Besides, I am not too drunk. I do see it. It's a demmed annoying attitude. She's a traitor, un'stand me? A trai-to-tor. I intend to speak to her about it."

"It is better that you should do it," said his wife. "I am afraid I could not control my temper."

"Penelope's a disgrace—an absolute disgrace. How many legs did Hodder say she'd—she'd broken?"

"Oh, you're disgusting!" cried Lady Evelyn. "Go to bed! I thought I could talk to you tonight, but I can't. You scarcely can stand up."

"Now, Evelyn, you do me injustice. I'm only holding to this chair to keep it from moving 'round the room. See that? Course I c'n stan' up!" he cried triumphantly.

"I am utterly disgusted with you. Oh, for a man! A man with real blood in his veins, a man who could do something besides eat and drink at my cost. I pay your debts, clothe you, feed you—house your ungrateful sister—and what do I get in return? This!"

Lord Bazelhurst's eyes steadied beneath this unexpected assault, his legs stiffened, his shoulders squared themselves in a pitiful attempt at dignity.

"Lady Bazelhurst, you—you"—and then he collapsed into the chair, bursting into maudlin tears. She stood over by the dressing table and looked pitilessly upon the weak creature whose hiccoughing sobs filled the room. Her color was high, her breathing heavy.

There came a knock at the door, but she did not respond. Then the door opened quietly and Penelope entered the room, resolutely, fearlessly. Evelyn turned her eyes upon the intruder and stared for a moment.

"Did you knock?" she asked at last.

"Yes. You did not answer."

"Wasn't that sufficient?"

"Not tonight, Evelyn. I came to have it out with you and Cecil. Where is he?"

"There!"

"Asleep?" with a look of amazement.

"I hope not. I should dislike having to call the servants to carry him to his room."

"I see. Poor old chap!" She went over and shook him by the shoulder. He sat up and stared at her blankly through his drenched eyes. Then, as if the occasion called for a supreme effort, he tried to rise, ashamed that his sister should have found him in his present condition. "Don't get up, Cecil. Wait a bit and I'll go to your room with you."

"What have you to say to me, Penelope?" demanded Evelyn, a green light in her eyes.

"I can wait. I prefer to have Cecil—understand," she said bitterly.

"If it's about our affair with Shaw it won't make any difference whether Cecil understands or not. Has your friend asked you to plead for him? Does he expect me to take him up on your account and have him here?"

"I was jesting when I said he would come tomorrow," said Penelope, ignoring the thrust and hurrying to her subject. "I couldn't go to sleep tonight if I neglected to tell you what I think of the outrage this morning. You and Cecil had no right to order Tompkins to shoot at Mr. Shaw. He is not a trespasser. Some one killed his dog today. When he pursued the coward a second shot was fired at him. He was wounded. Do you call that fair fighting? Ambushed, shot from behind a tree. I don't care what you and Cecil think about it, I consider it despicable. Thank God, Cecil was not really to blame. It is about the only thing I can say to my brother's credit."

Lady Bazelhurst was staring at her young sister-in-law with wide eyes. It was the first time in all her petted, vain life that any one had called her to account. She was at first too deeply amazed to resent the sharp attack.

"Penelope Drake!" was all she could say. Then the fury in her soul began to search for an outlet. "How dare you? How dare you?"

"I don't mean to hurt you. I am only telling you that your way of treating this affair is a mistake. It can be rectified. You don't want to be lawless; you don't understand what a narrow escape from murder you have had, Evelyn, you owe reparation to Mr. Shaw. He is"—

"I understand why you take his side. You cheapen and degrade yourself and you bring shame upon your brother and me by your disgraceful affair with this ruffian. Don't look shocked. You meet him secretly, I know. How much further you have gone with him I don't know. It is enough that you"—

"Stop! You shall not say such things to me!"

"You came in here to have it out with me. Well, we'll have it out. You think because you're English, and all that, that you are better than I. You show it in your every action; you turn

"You'd starve if it were not for me."

up your nose at me because I am an American. Well, what if I am? Where would you be if it were not for me? And where would he be? You'd starve if it were not for me. You hang to me like a leech—you sponge on me—you gorge yourself"—

"That is enough, Evelyn. You have said all that is necessary. I deserve it, too, for meddling in your affairs. It may satisfy you to know that I have always despised you. Having confessed, I can only add that we cannot live another hour under the same roof. You need not order me to go. I shall do so of my own accord—gladly." Penelope turned to the door. She was as cold as ice.

"It is the first time you have ever done anything to please me. You may go in the morning."

"I shall go tonight!"

"As you like. It is near morning. Where do you expect to go at this hour of the night?"

"I am not afraid of the night. Tomorrow I shall send over from the village for my trunks." She paused near the door and then came back to Cecil's side. "Goodby, Cecil. I'll write. Goodby." He looked up with a hazy smile.

"G'night," he muttered thickly.

Without another word or so much as a glance at Lady Bazelhurst, Penelope Drake went swiftly from the room. The big hall clock struck the half hour after 11. Some one—a woman—was laughing in the billiard room below. The click of the balls came to her ears like the snapping of angry teeth. She did not hesitate. It was not in her nature. The room in which she had found so much delight was now loathsome to her. With nervous fingers she threw the small things she most cherished into a bag—her purse, her jewels, her little treasures. Somehow it seemed to her as if she were hurrying to catch a night train, that was all. With her own strong young arms she dragged the two huge trunks from the closet. Half an hour later they were full and locked. Then she looked about with a dry, mirthless smile.

"I wonder where I am to go," she murmured, half aloud. A momentary feeling of indecision attacked her. The click of the balls had ceased, the clock had struck 12. It was dark and still, and the wind was crying in the trees.

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"She won't go," Lady Bazelhurst was saying to herself as she sat, narrow eyed and hateful, in her window looking out into the night. "Life is too easy here." The light from the porch lanterns cast a feeble glow out beyond the porte cochere and down the drive. As she stared across the circle the figure of a woman suddenly cut a diametric line through it and lost itself in the wall of blackness that formed the circumference. Lady Evelyn started and stared unbelievingly into the darkness, striving to penetrate it with her gaze. "It was she—Penelope," she cried, coming to her feet. "She's really gone—she meant it."

For many minutes she peered out into the night, expecting to see the shadow returning. A touch of anxious hope possessing her, she left the window and hurried down the corridor to Penelope's room. What she found there was most convincing. It was not a trick of the lanterns. The shadow had been real. It must be confessed that the peevish heart of Lady Bazelhurst beat rather rapidly as she hastened back to the window to peer anxiously out into the somber park with its hooting owls and chattering night bugs. The mournful yelp of a distant dog floated across the black valley. The watcher shuddered as she recalled stories of panthers that had infested the great hills. A small feeling of shame and regret began to develop with annoying insistence.

An hour dragged itself by before she arose petulantly, half terrified, half annoyed in spite of herself. Her husband still was sitting in the big chair, his face in his hands. His small, dejected figure appealed to her pity for the first time in the two years of their association. She realized what her temper had compelled her to say to him and to his sister. She saw the insults that at least one of them had come to resent.

"I hope that foolish girl will come back," she found herself saying, with a troubled look from the window. "Where can the poor thing go? What will become of her? What will every one say when this becomes known?" she cried, with fresh selfishness. "I—I should not have let her go like this."

Even as she reproached herself a light broke in upon her understanding; a thought whirled into her brain, and a moment later a shrill, angry, hysterical laugh came from her lips.

Mrs. Louis Scovern and baby daughter, who have been sojourning at Dr. Thompson's hospital at Burbank, will spend a few weeks at San Fernando with Mrs. Scovern's sister, before returning to their home, recently purchased by Mr. Scovern at 1008 Maple avenue, Glendale. Mr. Scovern has made an addition of a fine sleeping porch in order to accommodate his family. Both Mrs. and little Miss Scovern are doing fine.

Mr. O. P. Martin, late of Stafford, Kansas, will open an up-to-date dry goods store in the Gabaig Block annex as soon as the room is finished.

D. O. Martin, of Terre Haute, Indiana, has joined his son, O. P. Martin, the merchant, to become a citizen of Tropico, and with his family is living in the Dorshner place, 525 N. Central Ave., recently purchased by W. E. Burke of Mexico City.

J. W. Gould and W. V. Frank returned Sunday evening with the game of the season, a deer.

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TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 16, 1912.

It appears that a large majority of the delegates to the Republican County convention at Long Beach, Saturday last, endorsed the nominations of Roosevelt and Johnson, for president and vice-president. It also appears that a number of delegates, estimated to have been from 20 to 200 of 800 or more altogether, bolted the convention and endorsed the nominations of Taft and Sherman. In all reason the proceedings of the Republican State Convention at Sacramento, September 24, are thus anticipated. As a loyal Republican we must bow to the edict of our County and State Republican organization, and this day place at the head of the columns of this paper the names and faces of Theodore Roosevelt and Hiram W. Johnson, as the candidates of the Republican party of California for president and vice-president.

The need to get together may not be as pressing in Tropico as it is in other communities; but if it is not any more so, then those communities are sorely to be pitied. Is it not true that the spirit of co-operation is absolutely dead here? It was not so in the old days. How well we remember them. The supreme joy of living then was in helping one another. It was a desperately disordered week when at least one of its days, usually Saturday, was allowed to pass without some sort of gathering for social purposes and the common welfare. How different today is every day. Communityism is subordinated to individualism in all matters. The tendency is always divisional and discordant, never co-operative or harmonizing. What happiness is there in such a condition of living? What peace or comfort? In the community where there is only strife and contention, there is no room for neighborliness or the practices of the gentler and nobler promptings of our better natures. It would seem that our municipal organization should especially draw together the citizens of the city for co-operation in civic uplift. But does it? If not, why not? It cannot be for the reason that the five men who constitute the Board of Trustees, collectively and individually, are not as capable, trustworthy and true to the best interests of the city, as any other five men that can be found here. The presumption of some unfits them for service or duty as co-workers for the public good. But presumptiousness is not of so common a characteristic as to be discouraging. Besides it will soon wear itself out and bring upon itself distrust and discredit. The spectacle of turning one's talents to the task of tearing down or obstructing what others are striving to build up in a way that to them seems the best and only way, will be generously applauded by such as delight in the discomforture of workers against odds for the city's good.

PARTY SYMBOLS.

"For twenty-five years the symbol of the Republican party has been a circus elephant, an animal that performs its tricks only when it feels the lash of its keeper's whip across its back. The Democratic symbol—well, you all know what that is—an animal that has no pride of ancestry nor hope of posterity. But the bull moose, the symbol of the Progressive party, is a truly American animal. It is found nowhere else in the world. It leads the herd and knows no keeper. The bull moose signals when he scents danger ahead, and he fights not only for the females of his herd but for the young as well. Long live the bull moose."—Mrs. Lou Chapin's address at Long Beach.

BOLIVIA.

A Wonderful Wilderness of Wealth

Henry H. Clark, one of the Panama-California Exposition Commissioners, who left Tropico seven months ago, to spy out a gold mine in Bolivia, South America, has just returned, and on being interviewed as to results, country and prospects, said: "Do I like the country? Yes, and no."

"Bolivia is a country of great possibilities, and were it a part of the United States, or some other live country, it would be heard from in many ways; but as it is, with nine-tenths of its inhabitants Indians, who live in the fastness of the mauntains, the development is very slow. On account of the vast number of hostile tribes, there are vast areas, at least 10,000 square miles, into which it is believed no white man has ever entered, and until this is rectified by settlement of enterprising people, Bolivia will be little known.

"Its main industries and exports are tin, copper, bismuth, silver, nitrate, rubber and cocoa, the exports of which amounted, last year, to $30,000,000, while its imports were but $18,000,000.

"My trip to Bolivia was undertaken through the lure of gold, but I took more away than I brought back, and my advice to any who would go there for that purpose is to stay at home, but if they wish to view a country, entirely different from their own, and to study the ways, homes and customs of a people of which very little is known, here, it is a trip well worth the cost."

"From the time I left and returned to Tropico, I had traveled almost as many miles as to go around the world. It took 27 days on the ocean to reach the port of entry—a journey that was entirely one of comfort and enjoyment.

"The first city of note we reached was La Paz, the capital, with 60,000 inhabitants, and a city of great interest to those who wish to take backward looks into ages past, for it was founded in 1528 by the Incas, and its many features are of great interest to all travelers. It has many government schools, a university, agricultural college, law school, theology, medicine, and school of science, which goes to show that the one-tenth—the better class—are reaching out for high civilization.

"Here I was entertained at the palace by the president, Senor Ellodoro Villazon, a courteous, affable gentleman, who offered me government mules for my mountain trip, as well as other necessaries for the journey.

"Here, also I met our American minister, Horace G. Knowles, whose courtesy and hospitality impressed me forcibly, for as a general thing our American Ministers are not cordial; but I found our Minister to Bolivia possessed all the virtues that go to make up a true gentleman.

"The location of the fabulous gold mine that I went there to seek, was far in the mountains, and the 1500 miles was made on mule back, in the Andes, where the trails were so steep and narrow that it seemed like taking my life in my hands to venture on them, but the animals seemed so sure footed that fear was soon forgotten, and we went at a trot over places where one step aside would send us down hundreds of feet.

"At an elevation of 1740 feet we came to Aztec ruins which are among the great curiosities of this land of the Southern Cross; also the Cuzco ruins, which were built of blocks of granite so large that it puzzles all beholders as to the manner in which they were transported and placed.

"At Lake Arocoma, at an elevation of 1650 feet, we found snow four feet deep. This lake is nine miles long and one-half mile wide; and is fed by the greatest glacier in the known world. It is 900 feet thick, wedged between mountains, its incessant melting contributing to the waters of the lake; it also feeds the Limbani river, which empties into the Madre de Dios river, a branch of the Amazon.

"I went from Bolivia into Peru, and passed some time in the city of Arequipa, a city of 40,000 inhabitants, situated at the foot of Mount Mystic, 20,000 feet in height. This mountain is volcanic, and though not having been in action in the memory of the present inhibitants, they stand in fear of an eruption, as indications point to such a calamity. Ninety years ago the city was destroyed by this volcano, ashes and debris covering the land to the depth of 400 feet.

"Such a city may be pleasant to look at, but not pleasant to tarry long in for fear of grave consequences, so not caring to be buried so deep, if at all, I left it in the shadow of smoke, encircling the mountain top."

"Bolivia, during several years past, has been at variance with the republics adjoining, on account of disputes over the boundary lines, but these have been adjusted, and she is at peace with the whole world. Under the present administration she is building railroads, telegraph lines, and during the past year the government has opened important highways, and built the Cajamarca waterworks, which cost $1,000,000.

"Bolivia's money unit is the silver Boliviano, which is 41c, (though it has a fluctuating value)."

M. C. K. SHUEY.

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A NEW NON-SECTARIAN SOCIAL AND EDUCATIONAL CENTER FOR TROPICO

The acceptance of the report of the committee on nominations and constitition last Friday night brought to a close the preliminaries leading up to the organization of the Presbyterian Brotherhood. The temporary officers have now given way to permanent ones, and the following gentlemen will guide the activities of the Brotherhood for the first year: President, H. E. Sharp; secretary, F. C. Richardson; treasurer, William Klee.

President Sharp, one of the newer men in the valley, is peculiarly fitted for the position of leadership. As one of the state secretaries of the Young Men's Christian Association, he is in close daily touch with men's work. Also, his active affiliation with brotherhood work in Washington, D. C., and later at Corona, this state, has given him a valuable training in church work for men.

Membership in this new organization is not limited to church members or attendants. All men of Tropico and vicinity are invited to attend its monthly meetings and any man in sympathy with the objects of the church may become a member upon signing the constitution. For the present, the brotherhood will pay particular attention to social and educational work. On the last Friday of each month, beginning in October, the men of Tropico will have the opportunity of hearing big topics discussed by big men.

Dr. Hatch is enthusiastic about the new movement, and practically all of the male members of the Presbyterian church will be charter members of the Brotherhood.

A SURPRISE TO FRIENDS.

A romance of two years standing culminated in the marriage of Miss Vida Knowles of 224 W. Ave. 59, Highland Park, to Mr. Harry Herbert Coles of East Los Angeles on Saturday afternoon at 2 o'clock.

The marriage, which was solemnized at the home of Rev. Geo. B. Cliff of the Highland Park Methodist church was a complete surprise to even their intimate friends, all plans having been carefully guarded.

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REUNION DINNER PARTY.

Mrs. Samuel A. Ayres, on Central avenue, gave a dinner on Friday, complimentary to Mrs. F. I. Marsh, of Buena Park, formerly of Tropico, to a party of fifteen friends. The house and dining room was beautifully decorated with autumn roses, and smilax, giving a cheery, welcoming look to the guests, who, over a repast served only as "Auntie Ayres" can serve, lived over in story and fond reminiscences of days of early life in the home city.

Those who were honored by Mrs. Ayres were: Mrs. F. I. Marsh of Buena Park; Mrs. Ellis T. Byram, Mrs. J. C. Thomas, Mrs. Albert Dow, Miss Rachel Sherer, Miss Jennie Cornwall, Miss Lavina Banker, Miss Ruth Byram, Glendale; Miss Alice Dewey, Pasadena; Mrs. J. D. Botts, Garvanza; Mrs. D. H. Imler, Mrs. N. C. Burch, Mrs. W. H. Myers, Mr. S. A. Ayres of Tropico.

Nothing gives more pleasure to a company of old-time friends than to meet around a festal board in fraternal greetings, and this company was doubly enjoyed by having Mrs. Marsh, who lived as a neighbor in their midst so many years, and, too, Miss Sherer and Mrs. Ayres, had for twenty-five years enjoyed meeting around each other's social board; and ties of friendship grow strong with those who have tasted salt and broken bread with each other for a quarter of a century; so Mrs. Ayres extension of hospitality to these friends was greatly enjoyed and marked on memory's tablet in fadeless characters.

Mrs. Marsh, in whose honor the dinner was given, will soon leave for an extended visit to her old eastern home after which she will return to make her home in Tropico, where a warm welcome will await her.

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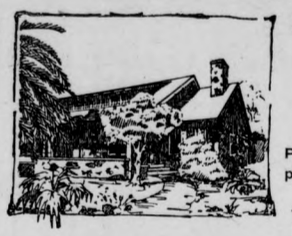

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